

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

LIVEUNIVERSE, INC., .
Plaintiff, .
vs. . Case No. 22-cv-04918
MUIJRERS, et al., . Newark, New Jersey
Defendants. . November 13, 2024
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TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES B. CLARK, III
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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1 (Commencement of proceedings)

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3 THE COURT: Hey, folks, Judge Clark here. Let me
4 say before we get started, we're on the record in
5 LiveUniverse versus Muijrs. It's Docket Number 22-4918
6 (ES). And it is 10 minutes after 11:00 on morning of
7 November 13th, 2024.

8 Can I have appearances of counsel for both sides,
9 please.

10 MR. WENSTRAND: Yes, Your Honor. This is Anders
11 Wenstrand appearing for the plaintiff.

12 THE COURT: Good morning.

13 MR. WENSTRAND: Good morning, Your Honor.

14 MR. DUSTON: And, Your Honor, you have Nick Duston
15 and Mike Townsend from Norris McLaughlin for ICONV and
16 Mr. Muijrs.

17 THE COURT: Good morning.

18 MS. DERENZE: Good morning, Your Honor. Catherine
19 Derenze of Lite DePalma Greenberg & Afanador on behalf of
20 Techie Hosting and Wayne Anastasias. Good morning.

21 THE COURT: Good morning.

22 MR. ROGERS: Good morning, Your Honor. Martin
23 Rogers and Matthew Sontz for ViralHog, KMMT, Brent, Ryan,
24 John, Kelly, and James.

25 THE COURT: All right. Good morning.

1 And, Mr. Wenstrand, you have with you your client;
2 is that right?

3 MR. WENSTRAND: That's correct, Your Honor. He's
4 on the line as well.

5 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Wenstrand. It's my
6 understanding that you are not admitted in this court and you
7 haven't entered an appearance; is that right?

8 MR. WENSTRAND: That is right, Your Honor. I was
9 retained this morning. And I have not been admitted in the
10 federal court in the District of New Jersey. However, I will
11 proceed with that today and sending those papers via PACER.

12 I am admitted in New Jersey.

13 THE COURT: Well, I gave Mr. Greenspan until the
14 6th of November to get counsel. And you're showing up at the
15 eleventh hour.

16 I don't know what's going on in this case. But,
17 frankly, I don't like it. We've let -- you know, three
18 attorneys have come and gone. The most recent attorney that
19 we let out was supposed to put on the record certain
20 information regarding the plaintiff, including email and
21 physical address utilized to serve the plaintiff. That was
22 never put on the record.

23 What gives?

24 MR. WENSTRAND: Your Honor, obviously, having been
25 retained this morning, the extent of my detailed knowledge of

1 all of the events that happened prior is a little bit
2 limited. You know, I would like to -- you know, I need to
3 speak to my client in more detail about those events.

4 You know, our goal is to simply try and see if we
5 can get the case and proceed as according to the original
6 schedule.

7 THE COURT: I'm not convinced that a lot of things
8 are being done on the up-and-up here. So, frankly, I'm going
9 to direct that previous counsel, he is still being served
10 with information, Mr. DiMedio has to put in the information
11 that I ordered he put in -- onto the record -- in the record
12 in my order of October 22nd. He's got to provide the Court
13 with the email and the physical address utilized to serve the
14 plaintiff. And he's got to do that within 10 days or we're
15 going to recommend -- we're either going to impose sanctions
16 or recommend contempt. All right? That's number one.

17 And, number two, I'm going to do an order to show
18 cause. And I'll give you dates, Mr. Wenstrand, if you are,
19 in fact, retained and enter an appearance. I'm going to do
20 an order to show cause why this case shouldn't be --
21 shouldn't be dismissed for lack of prosecution. And we'll
22 put in that order to show cause a date by which you can
23 submit a paper, if you're, in fact, retained and if you
24 remain in this litigation, to explain why the case shouldn't
25 be dismissed for lack of prosecution.

1 You know, do the defendants have anything to add to
2 this?

3 MR. ROGERS: Your Honor, this is Nick Duston
4 speaking for ICONV and Mr. Muijres.

5 Yes, we do, actually.

6 So, first of all, now that we have someone on the
7 line who, before we were on the record, identified themselves
8 as the president of LiveUniverse, I would request that while
9 we're on the record, we have him say that as well. Number
10 one.

11 And, number two, that person is Mr. Brad Greenspan,
12 who was the plaintiff in the state court action that we have,
13 you know, put in record in this court about repeatedly. That
14 action resulted in a dismissal of my clients on
15 jurisdictional grounds.

16 And I would request, if the Court will entertain
17 it, that the order to show cause not only asks that the
18 plaintiff show cause why the case shouldn't be dismissed for
19 lack of prosecution but also why it shouldn't be dismissed on
20 jurisdictional grounds.

21 THE COURT: Well, we already have a motion out
22 there floating -- a motion like that was already made --
23 right? -- Mr. Duston?

24 MR. DUSTON: That's -- yes, Your Honor. But that
25 has several times been administratively terminated in favor

1 of amending the complaint, which is part of the game that the
2 plaintiff has been playing alongside the carousel of
3 attorneys.

4 THE COURT: Oh, I -- Mr. Duston, we won't --

5 (Simultaneous conversation)

6 THE COURT:

7 MR. DUSTON: -- amendment --

8 (Simultaneous conversation)

9 THE COURT: We won't bar you from making that
10 motion when the time comes.

11 But I want to address the issue I raised about
12 nonprosecution first.

13 Mr. Greenspan, are you, in fact, a principal of
14 this company?

15 MR. GREENSPAN: Your Honor, I am here for the --

16 THE COURT: Mr. Greenspan, we can't hear you.
17 Let's put our mouth up to the phone --

18 (Simultaneous conversation)

19 MR. GREENSPAN: Your Honor, I think there's been a
20 misunderstanding because it appears that you did not receive
21 the filing -- the letter that was put in the drop box in the
22 court on November 6th addressed to you.

23 I -- a couple of minutes ago, I emailed to the
24 Court address that we listed for getting documents related to
25 sealing or filing that I think you'll copy of the --

1 THE COURT: Mr. Greenspan, hold on. Hold on --

2 (Simultaneous conversation)

3 THE COURT: We have a drop box here -- wait a
4 second. We have a drop box here. But we have an efile
5 system that I expect people to avail themselves of when
6 they're putting letters in so that those letters appear on
7 the docket and as part of the record.

8 This is -- I don't know what you guys are doing,
9 but this case has not been litigated properly from the
10 get-go. And I don't like the games that you seem to be
11 playing.

12 MR. GREENSPAN: I've sent the timely notice
13 explaining some -- explaining -- provides answers to some of
14 the matters you were raising and --

15 THE COURT: Well, why wasn't that document efiled?

16 MR. GREENSPAN: I don't have ECF. The company
17 doesn't have ECF.

18 THE COURT: Well, you were told to have an attorney
19 by the date, and that attorney could have efiled the
20 document. But instead you file a document -- you can't
21 represent the company on your own and be a pro se -- and the
22 company can't be a pro se litigant.

23 Mr. Greenspan, you're not doing anything by the
24 book. And, again, I don't like it. I think you're -- I
25 think you're giving the -- you're jerking the defendants

1 around, and you're jerking the Court around at this point.

2 MR. GREENSPAN: Your Honor, the case is a very --
3 case, and we are acting in good faith in trying to prosecute
4 the case. We've invested a lot of time and effort for
5 multiple years. And --

6 THE COURT: And if I'm to believe the defendants,
7 you're already litigated it in state court, and it was
8 dismissed.

9 So why are we here?

10 MR. GREENSPAN: It's different defendants, and
11 different facts that came out after --

12 THE COURT: Mr. Greenspan, look, you're the
13 principal of the company.

14 I've made my order. You're going to have show
15 cause why this case should move forward. You've been through
16 three attorneys. You haven't followed the rules as far as
17 filing documents.

18 I can barely hear you on this call. Nobody on your
19 side has complied with any of the orders I've issued from the
20 time I got involved with you a couple of weeks ago on this
21 current spate of back-and-forth.

22 Forgive me for being a little skeptical that what
23 you're doing now is being done in good faith.

24 MR. GREENSPAN: Well, I apologize, Your Honor. We
25 just got an attorney that we believe will be more expeditious

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1 in communicating --

2 THE COURT: Well, again, forgive me for being
3 skeptical. This is your fourth attorney. And you got him
4 10 -- you know, near 10 days after I told you you were
5 supposed to have an attorney.

6 So, you know, enough. I'm going to issue this
7 order.

8 If you guys want to -- if you guys want to respond
9 to the order to show cause, you go ahead and do that.

10 MR. GREENSPAN: We -- respond -- date,
11 Your Honor -- with a drop box letter --

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 Who wanted to say something? Who else wanted to
14 say something?

15 MR. DUSTON: Your Honor, it's Nick Duston.

16 And I'm sorry to be persistent.

17 But Mr. Greenspan has still not stated on the
18 record that he's the president of LiveUniverse and --

19 (Simultaneous conversation)

20 MR. DUSTON: And it's very important that we have
21 him do that --

22 (Simultaneous conversation)

23 MR. GREENSPAN: -- argument facts here and -- to --

24 MR. DUSTON: No, no. I'm sorry, Mr. Greenspan. I
25 was speaking to the judge.

1 Judge --

2 THE COURT: Mr. Greenspan --

3 (Simultaneous conversation)

4 THE COURT: Mr. Greenspan --

5 (Simultaneous conversation)

6 THE COURT: Mr. Greenspan, are you the president of
7 LiveUniverse?

8 You don't even want to answer the question. And
9 you're telling me you're doing things in good faith and on
10 the up-and-up; right?

11 Are you going to answer the question?

12 MR. ROGERS: Judge, Martin Rogers here, if you
13 don't mind.

14 THE COURT: All right. Well, Mr. Greenspan was
15 strangely silent.

16 All right, Mr. Rogers, yes.

17 MR. ROGERS: I believe I heard a muffled Greenspan
18 say he was disconnecting because he didn't want to argue the
19 facts or something to that effect.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. ROGERS: But the real point of my speaking is,
22 Judge, if you would kindly, please -- bump our response
23 deadline, considering the order you're going to be issuing.

24 THE COURT: Sure. Yeah, we'll stay it pending the
25 hearing. All right?

1 MR. ROGERS: Thanks, Judge.

2 THE COURT: Okay. I don't think we have anything
3 else.

4 Mr. Wenstrand, are you still on the line?

5 MR. WENSTRAND: I am still on, Your Honor. I will
6 have a conversation with my client after this call.

7 THE COURT: Yeah, you know, not a good sign that he
8 jumps off the phone when he's asked a pointed question.

9 So, look, you decide what you're going to do as far
10 as representing the plaintiff. But we're moving forward, as
11 I have indicated. All right?

12 MR. WENSTRAND: Understood, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right. All right.

14 Take care, folks.

15 (Conclusion of proceedings)

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11 I further certify that I am in no way related to any of
12 the parties hereto nor am I in any way interested in the
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